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CIA Head Sees a Dilemma If Ex-Chief Helms Indicted

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 28 (AP)—CIA Director Stansfield Turner said today that the intelligence agency will have to release information damaging to the national security if his predecessor, Richard Helms, is brought to trial.

Adm. Turner said in a speech at the Naval Academy that if a grand jury indicts Helms, the Attorney General will have to decide "whether the overall national interest will be furthered by prosecuting this case... or whether it would be better to waive the trial in order to protect the secrets."

He said it is not his responsibility to determine whether the good resulting from a trial would outweigh the dangers.

"I have made my views known on what information would have to be released and how damaging it would be," he said. "Others will have to make the decision."

Helms' 1973 testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has been the subject of a grand jury inquiry.

The former CIA director testified that his agency had done nothing to bring down the government of Chilean President Salvador Allende. It was later revealed, however, that \$8 million had been spent to destabilize the Allende government.

Turner's comments came in response to a question at the conclusion of a speech to 4,300 midshipmen.

To another question, Turner replied that the CIA has no right to plan or conduct assassinations of foreign leaders. He drew prolonged applause when he pledged that "we will not do it and have no thoughts and plans for it."